



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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LIQUOR OBJECTIONS: Each year the City of Columbus objects to the renewal of liquor permits for establishments that have a history of criminal activity, excessive police runs, code and health violations, and general disregard for neighborhood safety. While state law does not grant cities the authority to revoke or deny the renewal of liquor permits, Columbus City Council exercises its right to submit formal objections to the Ohio Department of Commerce's Division of Liquor Control in hopes that the state will deny permit renewals to irresponsible establishments. The Division of Liquor Control has the sole authority to grant a renewal or uphold the city's objection. Public Safety & Judiciary Committee Chair [Zach M. Klein](#) will sponsor resolutions 0218X-2014 through 0243X-2014 to lodge the city's objections, which are the product of efforts by Council, the city attorney's office, the Division of Police, and community residents to improve neighborhood safety.

PROBLEM PROPERTIES: Development Committee Chair [Michelle M. Mills](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2714-2014 to create a new code section allowing for the assessment of civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per day on the most severe public nuisance properties in our city. While the code change would apply to all properties, commercial and residential, it will be most helpful in addressing violations by commercial properties, multi-family apartments, hotels and motels, and landlords who own multiple properties that do not meet code requirements. The new code will likely provide for quicker resolution than either the current civil or criminal complaint process, and it

will help the city more effectively address nuisance properties held by corporate entities. Funds collected through the fines would help the Land Management Fund maintain, stabilize, and acquire blighted properties throughout the city.

HIV PREVENTION: Health and Human Services Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2897-2014 to allow Columbus Public Health to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Health to fund the Federal HIV Prevention Program. This \$1,056,729-00 grant enables the City to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate HIV counseling and testing/referral, partner counseling, and health education/risk reduction behavior modification programs. Services are provided to residents of Columbus and Franklin County, with special emphasis on men who have sex with men, individuals who engage in high-risk sexual contact, youth, injection drug and substance users, and African-American women.

WARRIORWATCH: Public Service and Transportation Committee Chair [Shannon G. Hardin](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2863-2014 to authorize the director of the Department of Technology to modify an agreement with T&M Associates for professional services to support the [WarriorWatch](#) website. WarriorWatch allows the public to track up to 72 hours of the City's snow and ice treatment activity.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: Council President [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring resolution 0249X-2014 to express Columbus City Council's support of Why Marriage Matters Ohio and ~~the~~ the organization's effort to bring marriage equality to the state.

CONGRATULATING COUNCILMEMBER CRAIG: This will be Councilmember [Hearcel F. Craig](#)'s final meeting as a member of Columbus City Council. Craig, a councilmember since April 2007, was elected to the State House of Representatives and will serve the residents of the 26th district.